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Devolin plays lead for skip Milliken

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Barry Devolin was sitting in the House of Commons on Thursday when he felt a tap on his shoulder.

The Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes -Brock looked up and was surprised to see Liberal leader Stéphane Dion standing there.

Dion asked if Devolin had a few minutes to talk, Devolin agreed and the two men found a quiet corner in which to have a chat – entirely in French.

Returning to his seat, Devolin realized that although the tone of the conversation had been light, he'd just had a job interview.

Apparently he did well enough to be hired.

The next day, Speaker of the House Peter Milliken announced that Devolin was this parliament's new assistant deputy chair of the committees of the whole of the House of Commons.

Or, as Devolin likes to say, he's the lead on skip Milliken's team.

"I ran for skip, didn't make it, but I'm on the team," he said in an interview at Friday night's warden's banquet for Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Last Tuesday, Devolin reached the third ballot in the election of the Speaker of the House for the upcoming parliamentary session. Milliken, a Liberal MP who was the previous Speaker, managed to hold onto his title on the fifth ballot.

However, Devolin says that since the house sits for six to 10 hours a day, it's impossible for the Speaker to sit through the entire session, especially since it's the Speaker's job to listen carefully to what's being said to ensure all rules are being followed.

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Warranty program too costly, local homebuilders say

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

If you're a Haliburton homebuilder in the middle of a hard February and you face the choice of either paying your staff or paying a security deposit to the home warranty corporation, which would you choose?

That's the dilemma faced by some builders who just don't have the kind of extra money necessary to sink it into a two-year deposit mandated by law in Ontario, but as far as the warranty corporation is concerned there is no excuse not to.

"They don't want to pay, they want a free [ride]," said warranty

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Here comes Santa!

To the delight of the hundreds of people lining Haliburton's main street on a chilly Friday night, Santa Claus made a grand entrance on the back of his sleigh pulled by eight reindeer. Santa came at the end of a bright and cheery nighttime parade that made the eyes of local children sparkle. For more photos of the parade, please see pages 14 and 15.

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Man fined for Sunday hunting

A Tory Hill man has been fined $1,000 for illegal deer hunting.

David Nuttall, 43, was fined $1,000 for hunting deer on Sunday in a non-designated municipality.

Court was told that on Sunday, November 18, 2007, Nuttall shot and killed a mature white-tailed deer with a high powered rifle in Monmouth Township in the Municipality of Highlands East, where Sunday gun hunting was not permitted in 2007.

Minden area conservation officers seized the deer.

Hunters are reminded to check the current hunting regulations to see where Sunday hunting is allowed. The Hunting Regulations Summary 2008-2009 is available free of charge from licence issuers, ServiceOntario/Government Information Centres and on the ministry's website at ontario.ca/hunting.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on November 21.

Program funds children's art fees

here & there
news and events worth noting

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS – Sissy's Love Connection can help parents give their child a gift of lessons or a course in music, dance, painting, drama or other arts activity. The fund provides financial support to the children of Haliburton County for cultural activities. This fund was established to recognize the contributions of Janice Crawford, a Haliburton County resident and volunteer, who died of cancer in October 2008. For more information, see the story in this week's *Weekender* or call Sharon Harrison at 286-1940 or email dancingwildflower@sympatico.ca. The deadline for applications is December 15.

Anyone concerned about our wildlife will want to attend the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists meeting on Thursday, November 27. Mike Rutter, a Ministry of Natural Resources intelligence investigations officer, and Graham Cameron, a Species at Risk biologist with the MNR, will be talking about people who poach these sometimes valuable species. Rutter says he will be talking about how vulnerable these species are. "I am concerned that species like spotted turtles, wood turtles, skinks and ginseng will be increasingly targeted if we are not careful with how public we make their locations. There is a growing market for these species. I will also touch on the food trade, which includes snapping, painted and map turtles." The talk starts at 7:30 at the Haliburton Museum.

Jennifer Wanless-Craig and Terry Craig of Artech Glassblowing Studios will at the One of a Kind Show in Toronto. The show runs Thursday, November 27 to Sunday, December 7, 2008. They are at Booth W-9 and invite everyone to stop by to say hello. This year's show features over 800 artisans. For details go to www.oneofakindshow.com.

Last year we told you about Anne Fowler, a Gooderham area resident who spends her winters in Honduras doing humanitarian work. This past summer she produced a PowerPoint presentation with voice narration on the various programs she runs. It's called "My Honduran Final 2" now available online at http://www.mediafire.com/?jvtmjoqlvwn.

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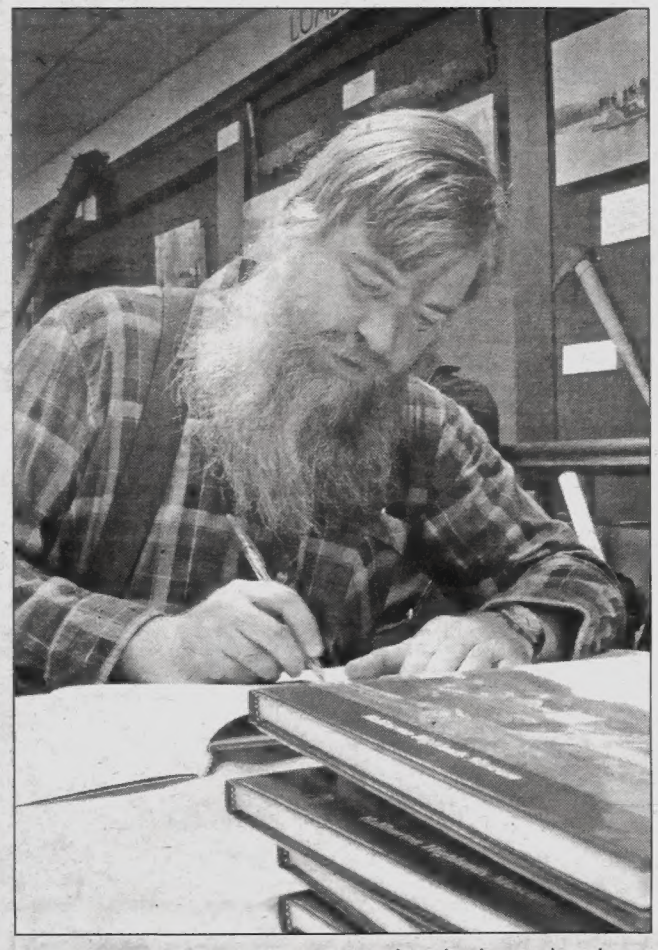


History comes to life

While Bethany Houghton played old-time fiddle music, the Haliburton Highlands Museum celebrated the launch of its first book, *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*, on Saturday. Dozens of people arrived to buy the books and leaf through the pages, including local historian Leopoldina Dobzrensky, right, whose research into the early days of Dysart laid the foundation for the information that accompanies the intriguing photographs of the village's past. Over the past years, museum curator Steve Hill, centre signing a book, and museum director Tom Ballantine have been collecting old photos and interviewing people to find out more about the stories these photos have to tell. The book, designed by Sandi Luck, represents a small portion of the museum's collection. It is on sale for $30 at the museum, which is open Wednesdays to Saturdays, and at Master's Books and Undercover Books in downtown Haliburton. Meanwhile, if you have old photos you'd like to share with the museum, the staff can scan them on site and return them to you.

Photos by Martha Perkins

Chefs challenged to feed family of four for $6.50

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

Local chefs have been issued an unorthodox challenge by a local social service organization: plan a whole day's menu for a family of four on a budget of $6.50.

It's a much stricter guideline than most restaurants would enforce, but one that many families have to cope with every day in Haliburton County.

"After all the hard costs were paid in a month [heat and hydro] people who are at or below the poverty line have approximately $200 a month for food for a family of four. That works out to $6.50 a day to feed an entire family of four," said Nancy Brownsberger of SIRCH, which runs the program.

"Our challenge is to local chefs to prepare a meal plan within the $6.50 for a family of four and then come out and prepare one recipe from that meal plan and at the same time teach budgeting, healthy eating, how to go about buying certain foods at certain times of the year," she said.

More than 4,000 families with children live in poverty locally, according to this year's poverty report by the health unit.

The Chef of the Month program was conceptualized in July and ran its first session in October with local businesswoman Franka Andriano of Franka's Café in Haliburton.

SIRCH runs family programming and after teaming up with the health unit this summer came up with a set of programs targeted at reducing the impact of poverty on children and their parents.

The two groups also run a healthy food box program, a community kitchen, a community action program for kids Wednesday mornings at the Haliburton arena and a prenatal program on Friday mornings.

"What we realized is, with poverty being what it is in Haliburton County, and having the highest poverty rate in Ontario as of 2008, food insecurity goes along with that," Brownsberger said.

Poverty is more hidden in Haliburton, she says. "It's not like Toronto where you see people on the street, you see people going to the soup kitchens or the shelters."

At the end of the year the recipes created by the chefs will be reproduced in a cookbook or calendar with funds going back to SIRCH.

On Wednesday, November 26 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Grill on the Gull chef Aaron Walker will be the chef of the month and will prepare one of his meals at Haliburton Foodland.

He will also discuss his tips on cooking cheaply yet healthily. The session is free and includes samples of his dish. There will also be a raffle.

Ecotourism program on hold during review

Fleming College's Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management program will not be offered in Haliburton next year as the college evaluates its position in relation to the ecotourism industry sector.

Enrolment in the program in recent years has declined and the college would like to determine if restructuring the program could reverse this trend.

The full-time, two-semester graduate certificate program is currently offered at the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College. At this time, there will be no intake for the 2009 academic year. A successful redesign would see the program begin again in September 2010.

Haliburton Campus Principal Sandra Dupret says that despite the high quality of the program's content the redesign is needed to reflect the rapid changes and shifts within this fast-paced industry.

"I believe that now is the time to examine the program to determine how we may be able to restructure the current program into a new offering that would reflect industry shifts and incorporate global trends," Dupret says in a press release. "I am not sure at this time what shape or form that potential program could take, but with the strength of more than 14 years of knowledge and history, a high quality curriculum, and the support of the industry, I believe that we certainly have a great starting point for exploration."

The Haliburton Campus is also home to the Haliburton School of The Arts, which has seen a close to 10 per cent growth in enrolment this year.

For details on programming, go to www.flemingcollege.com.

Teen drivers see red over passenger limit

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Local teenagers agree there should be zero tolerance for having even one drink and then getting behind the wheel of a car.

But they are adamantly opposed to a proposed new rule that would limit the number of friends a young driver can have with them at one time.

"We hate it," says 17-year-old Lindsey Hawley about the Ontario government's intention to limit drivers younger than 19 to only one teen passenger in their first year of having their G2 licence.

In a classroom discussion about the proposals, she says all students were angry about the rule which, they say, will backfire and make life more dangerous for teenagers.

Not only do teenagers often have to carpool because not everyone has access to a car, but the whole idea of a designated driver will become more challenging if a teen driver is allowed only one passenger.

Lindsey's friend Morgan McGillivray says that, although drinking under the age of 19 is illegal, it's "inevitable" that teens are going to break that rule. However, they've heard the message about designated drivers loud and clear and are usually careful about following that policy. A designated driver, however, will not want to have to drive passengers home one at a time. There won't be enough designated drivers to go around.

Brendan McKinna, also 17, has already joined a Facebook petition against the proposed licensing changes. Like many of the teenagers he's talked to, he's okay with the proposal that first-year drivers of any age are not allowed to have any alcohol before they drive.

But, he says, teens in rural areas have few options other than sharing a ride with friends.

"If you want to take your friends out to town for pizza or food you can't do that," he says, adding that many parents and adults he's talked to are also against the proposal.

The Ontario government says teen drivers get too distracted by passengers and this makes it unsafe to have more than one other person in the car.

"Teenaged drivers are about 3.5 times more likely to be involved in a fatal collision," said Transportation Minister Jim Bradley in a press release.

Brendan says, "Just because one person [doesn't drive safely because there are other people in the vehicle] doesn't mean the rest of us teenagers are irresponsible."

Lindsey says she's very aware which friends are not the best drivers if there are too many people in the car and she simply doesn't drive with them if she feels she won't be safe. "I'll decide if I don't want to drive with them," she says.

Richard VanNood, owner of the Driver's Edge driving school, says the limit of one teen passenger "is a tough one. I can see it both ways."

One way: When his daughter was in Grade 12 she had a double spare so she and two girlfriends drove to Cardiff to teach music as part of their volunteer hours. Under the new rules, she wouldn't be allowed to do that.

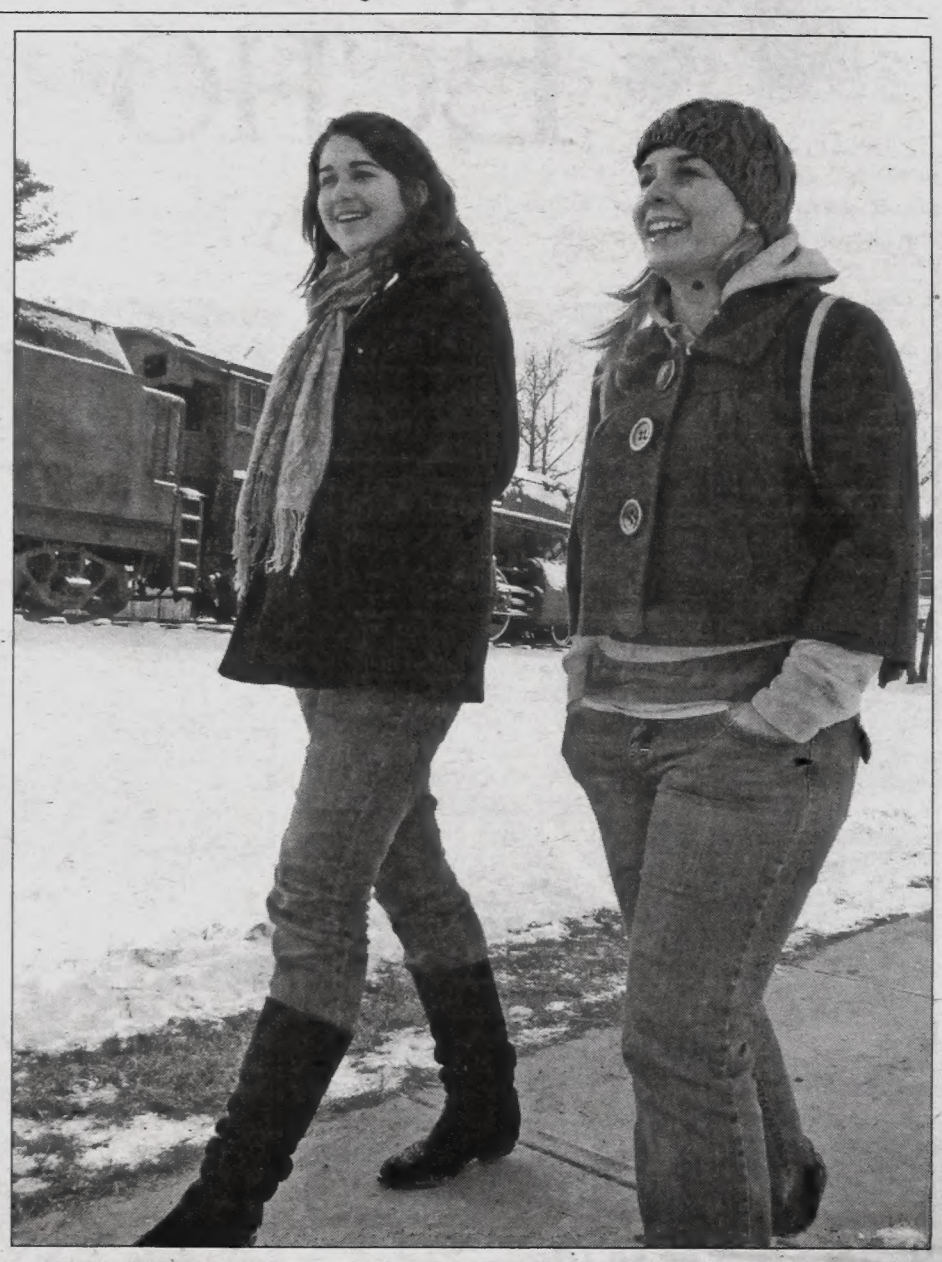
And the other way: When he was 17 and had a couple of friends in the car, he wasn't paying close enough attention to the winter driving conditions and got in an accident. "My dad didn't let me drive his car for another 10 years."

He says that to understand why the new rule is being proposed, all you need to do is go to the high school after school, especially on Fridays, and watch the teen drivers racing to the road, with kids hanging out the windows. The driver is obviously not paying much attention to any of the safe driving rules that VanNood might have taught him.

"If students are mature it's no problem," he says.

He believes it's key to have parents more involved in teaching good driving techniques. "We'll spend hours on taking our kids to hockey and yet, when it comes to driving, parents don't put much thought into it," he says.

Parents need to be more aware of their teenager's driving habits and get tough when those habits put their teens in harm's way.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Morgan McGillivray and Lindsey Hawley say that in rural areas, where few teens have access to cars and there's no public transportation, it's important to be able to carpool. New rules proposed by the Liberal government make this impossible.

Two-car accident causes minor injuries

A Minden Hills woman suffered minor injuries following a vehicle collision in Haliburton on the morning of November 19.

Haliburton Highlands OPP said that just after 11:30 a.m., a beige Chrysler was making a left-hand turn from Halbiem Crescent onto County Road 21 when it was struck by a blue Pontiac Sunfire headed west on County Road 21.

The Chrysler's driver has been charged with failing to yield.

The driver of the Sunfire, 49-year-old Stephanie Maloley, was taken to Haliburton Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, police said.

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School board posts bus cancellations online

Here comes the snow – and with it, less predictable road conditions.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board reminds the public that school buses operate only when road conditions permit, but that schools remain open regardless of the weather. The decision to cancel buses is made each morning and posted at www.tldsb.on.ca.

The decision whether to cancel buses involves a team of weather-spotters, including bus operators, drivers, staff, and administrators.

"We make that decision daily with as much information as we can gather as early as we can get it," said business and transportation superintendent Bob Kaye. "We then make the decision to cancel -- or not -- by area – Muskoka, Haliburton, and the City of Kawartha Lakes."

TLDSB makes area-wide decisions rather than route-by-route cancellations because that is usually the way the weather pattern operates, Kaye added. Forecasts are also included in the decision.

Last year TLDSB buses in the City of Kawartha Lakes were halted on 12 days. Muskoka experienced eight inclement weather day cancellations and, in Haliburton, the buses were cancelled six days. In all, the board contracted 407 buses last year to run on 471 routes, transporting 16,000 students almost 47,000 kilometres each day.

Kaye said there's no way to predict what this or any year will bring.

"The only factor we know is that we follow the same process each morning when we are advised that road conditions are questionable," he said. "Safety first, always."

MATT JAMES/Echo

A festive gift for downtown drivers

Jane Fisher, Nicole Jennings, and Cree Tylee, hang the decoration they painted onto one of the parking meters in downtown Haliburton. The Grade 10 art students, along with the Grade 11 woodworking students and HHSS teacher Dan Fockler, fastened 21 of the decorations to the parking meters as their contribution to make downtown look festive over the holiday season. The gift of free parking is from Dysart et al.

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The rural challenge

TWO STORIES IN THIS WEEK'S *ECHO* illustrate what can happen when rules are made by people who live in urban areas.

One is about the new licensing rules intended to reduce the risk of accidents every time a teenaged driver gets behind the wheel. The provincial government knows that teens are heavily influenced by friends and haven't yet honed their judgment skills. To help teen drivers concentrate on the road, the province is limiting them to only one teenaged passenger at a time.

If anyone reading this editorial managed not to do something incredibly stupid when they were teenaged drivers, then you are exemplary people. The rest of us know how easy it is to make a bad decision. But at least, for us, being a teenager was not a capital punishment and we survived our misdeeds. It's easy for us to understand why the province thinks it's doing a good deed by removing distractions from teen drivers. The new rule, however, puts undue hardships on rural teens. If they want to go out with friends, they can't get on a subway or pool their money for a taxi. There's no public transportation in Haliburton County. Instead, kids carpool and it's not only to go to and from parties. Sharing rides is often the only way to be with friends.

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Teenagers say they've also taken the message about designated drivers to heart. But if drivers are only allowed one passenger that means half the people at a party are designated drivers. That's highly unrealistic. (So too is the belief that just because teens aren't allowed to drink before they're 19 they're not going to drink.) Either teen drivers are going to break the law by driving more than one friend or they're going to break the law by having even one drink and then driving.

It would be so much simpler if we could legislate common sense or find a program to fast track maturity. (While we're at it, we could force all young children in a car not to fight with one another so we can ensure their parent drivers don't get distracted.) But until that happens, surely there is a better way to keep teens safe while acknowledging the important role that vehicles play in Highlands life for people of all ages.

It's not only rural teens who aren't understood very well by provincial legislators. A representative from the firm that provides warranties for new homes says that any builder who can't afford the $5,000 security deposit "perhaps should pursue another line of work." Besides, this person says, since the $5,000 is passed on to the homeowner, the builder doesn't need to worry about it.

Five thousand dollars is a lot of money in Haliburton, even when a $200,000 house is being built. Most builders are self-employed or have a small crew and are on a tight budget. Homeowners aren't all flush either. If you discount the relatively small proportion of large seasonal homes being built, most new buildings reflect the rather limited budgets that both homeowners and homebuilders work with. Urban dwellers have concerns that we aren't faced with. It's not that they're without challenges. But laws that affect everyone should be made with everyone in mind.

Misty morning *Photo by Martha Perkins*

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Here we are grinding into the 21st century and unless you're sitting on an oil patch, and sometimes even if you are, things are looking a little shaky economically and socially, not to mention militarily. Now, I know we can pull ourselves out of this funk because we've been there before and we've turned it around, often thanks to the vision and wisdom of a leader who comes seemingly out of nowhere to lead us to better times. But who can we trust? What man, woman or group is best suited to lead us forward in these very difficult and complex times?

Here is a starter list of possibilities. In no particular order: 1) Politicians. (Any.) 2) Leaders of Industry. (Your boss's boss's boss.) 3) Church. (Includes God.) 4) School teachers. 5) Scientists. (Rocket and all other.) 6) Your mother. (Couldn't hurt.)

Winston Churchill pulled a devastated Britain up by the britches and on to eventual victory when all was seemed lost during the Second World War. Abraham Lincoln took the high road and brought the U.S. through its bloody civil war. Our own Liberal party took many bows for their ability to tax Canadians into eliminating a huge deficit that they, themselves, created. Now that's leadership.

But overall, in spite of obvious heroes like Churchill, and despite their defining themselves as our leaders, our leaders are often the last people we should follow. There are just too many who have deficits of talent, not to mention the fact that politicians tend to do what keeps them employed, as opposed to what needs to be done.

Leaders of Industry are completely capable of leading people as long as there is a pot of gold at the end of their particular rainbow. A pot of gold that goes into their own pockets. No. I think we need someone with a more generalized agenda to lead us into the future.

God, as we know, works in mysterious ways, so I wouldn't count on heavy praying to get us where we want to go. It couldn't hurt of course. But I would add some elbow grease to the equation. Most churches do a lot of good in the community but they are somewhat set in their ways, some even to the extent of executing the folks that don't see things their way. Churches historically have led the masses but I find that they tend to look backward instead of forward.

And school teachers would be all right in a New Democratic sort of way. But they tend to be on strike too often. Can't get much done on the old picket line, can we?

I think I have to put my vote for taking us successfully and thoughtfully into the future with the scientists of the world. Yes. Guys like Scotsman Alexander Fleming who discovered penicillin. Dr. Salk and his polio vaccine. Verner von Braun who stopped making rockets for war and led us to the moon and beyond.

I know that all science isn't dedicated to the good of man. Bombs and weapons aren't nice, but until we stop fighting each other, they will continue to be developed. And science will undoubtedly provide a lot of these unpleasant items.

But all things considered, I think most scientists have the combination of great intelligence, common sense, and an elegant sense of purpose to deliver our planet, keep it spinning, and make our lives better. The trick is to protect them from the likes of Adolph Hitler, Saddam Hussein and, more recently, that whacko in North Korea. Really. Ask your mother.

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Trick or treat

tales from

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The other day I happened to find an online article in which the author purported that you could use animal training techniques to influence the behavior of your spouse. She said that techniques used by dolphin and dog trainers were also useful in relationships. After reading the whole thing, I had to laugh aloud."What are you howling at?" my wife called from the next room. I quickly summed up the article in a couple of concise sentences and said, "That's ridiculous, huh?"

"Sure it is," she said, "now come here."

Instinctively, I turned away and acted as if I hadn't heard her.

"Come! I've got a treat for you."

My ears perked up. "What kind?"

"Bumbleberry Pie."

I ran over shaking uncontrollably with joy. Then I asked where the pie was. "You do these dishes, and I'll get it ready," she said, while scratching me under the chin.

A little while later after I finished the dishes, she placed a sliver of pie in a plate.

"Sit," she said. "Sit."

"Sure," I answered, as I sat down and began salivating.

"Can I have a fork too?"

"Sure," she said, "give me a pa... hand." As I put a hand out, she patted me on the head and placed a fork in my palm.

"Talk about ridiculous, huh?" I continued. "Thinking that any person could use such simple techniques to train an adult to do your bidding. How unsuspecting and guileless does that author think we are?"

"Yeah....oh yeah, it's a crazy theory," she agreed. "Hey, the mail is here. Would you please fetch, I mean get it for me?"

"But what about the pie?"

"I'll heat it up while you get the mail. Go! Go on! Go boy! Go!" Excited, I ran out the door, went straight to the mailbox, got the mail, and brought it straight back to her, placing it in her hand... just like we had practised hundreds of times when we first met.

"Thanks," she said, as she patted me on the head. "Atta boy! That's a good boy!"

"No problem," I replied, only too happy to please, though I wasn't sure why. But suddenly something seemed very wrong with this picture. Over the next five minutes, I was really bothered by it too. Then, it hit me. So I ran upstairs to get her slippers."Oh, you are such a good boy aren't you? You're such a good boy!" she cooed when I returned.

We didn't speak much for the rest of the morning. She was busy doing reading her dog training books and I was at my computer in my office, still wondering how some people can come up with such ridiculous theories. I mean, when you think about it, the whole concept is almost insulting.

I guess what I'm saying is how simplistic do they think we are? Does that author actually think we have no free will? That we are controlled by impulses and taught stimuli?

The thought of it was absolutely ludicrous. I was in the process of exploring that line of thinking just a little more but just then Carol called from the kitchen. "Steve, come for lunch!"

I dropped everything and ran over. "I'm here," I announced, "I'm here."

"Oh, that's a good boy..." she said. "That's a good boy."

"Now, quit circling around me," she said as she stirred the soup. "Sit. Sit now!" When lunch was over, she stepped in my office. "Want to go for a walk?" she said. "We haven't had our walk today!" Needless to say, it was great. We got to the fields and then she let me run all over the place until I was really tired. And, on the way back home, I walked beside her.

We arrived home and she began to comb the burrs out of my coat. That's when she and I decided agreed that the whole notion of being able to train your spouse was neither possible nor even desirable. That night, at bedtime, I curled up in a ball and got comfortable.

But then I began to think about that article again. So much so that I sat up and began to whine about it.

"Shush!" she commanded. "Lie down and go to sleep."

And, as she rubbed my belly, I realized how ridiculous it was.

pic *of the* past

Archie Robinson (1870 - 1961) was from the Allsaw district of Minden township, where he farmed. He is shown here on top of a sleigh load of logs driving a team of horses on Drag Lake in 1912.

At that time it was likely that he worked as a jobber on the timber limits held by the William Laking Lumber Company in east Dysart and Dudley townships. Photo from *Haliburton: A History in Pictures* produced by the Haliburton Highlands Museum and for sale at Master's Bookstore, Under Cover Books and the museum.

letters to the editor

Dark Lake Road should stay closed

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly apologize to Highlands East council for my continual slip of calling the beach in front of my house on Dark Lake Road in Wilberforce that I have mowed, raked, and kept clean with the help of my family and some loyal friends and customers for 53 years as "my beach." How stupid of me! And for referring to Wilberforce as my town. How about my church, my store, or even my road that my daughter just bought on? I will try to keep this in check from now on. I do know they are not mine.

As well, I am sure the people who have been wanting their roads plowed and maintained by the township will be happy to hear the township has lots of money to blow. Councillor Gary Stoughton's words: Whether it costs $12,000 or $25,000 or more, the road will be opened. A road that is of no necessity to the people living on the road. We all have access to Dark Lake Road or the highway.

In the years it has been closed I have only seen township workers twice on this road working. Once to put in trees to stop more erosion and once to put in the benches. The upkeep has been done by us, the property owners to keep it mowed, garbage cleaned up and fallen trees and branches, to keep it the beautiful walking path it should be - not overgrown and dirty. Do we get paid township wages? No. We do it because we love and respect where we live.

The incident of me telling someone to leave the beach happened years ago and I would do it at Wilbermere beach if children swimming were involved. No one has ever been refused use of the beach; we have only asked people to respect the personal property at the beach.

Be assured that, if and when this road opens, whatever little thing happens council will hear from me.

I always thought you took your concerns to your ward councillor, not all the others. I have done this and Councillor Suzanne Partridge has always been very helpful. Thank you Suzanne and Reeve Dave Burton for trying to make sense of this on our behalf. But I realize the majority rules - three councillors and a few people who don't have the ability to put their complaint in writing will have the last say.

Opening the road will not make it safer. Only a few people will be happier because they're getting their own way.

I would like to thank all those people who have called and stopped in to support us in our effort to keep the road closed. Many of you were against the road being closed but now after all these years cannot understand the reasoning for opening it again.

Roberta Walsh
Bostonian Motel, Wilberforce

Information on Haliburton Legion tank requested

To the Editor:

Earlier this week we had a scenically spectacular drive along Hwy 118 from Bancroft to Haliburton. The snow on the trees converted the route into a highway through Fairyland.

On our trip through your town, I saw the battle tank downtown and I assumed it was a war memorial. We couldn't stop, but I'm curious.

I would appreciate someone sending me more information and possibly, some photos which would satisfy my curiosity, both about the tank itself and its history, as well as its significance in your fair town.

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Politicians gather at warden's banquet

On Friday night at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall, Eleanor Harrison hosted the warden's banquet to mark the end of her tenure as the head of county government. On hand to praise Harrison for her dedication were fellow politicians MP Barry Devolin, second from left beside Ted Anthon, and MPP Laurie Scott, talking with former Bicroft reeve Bill Howe. The annual warden's banquet was also a time for Harrison to thank all the people who supported her. She said that in 2008 the county was able to embark on many expensive infrastructure programs because of funding from the province but warned that the money will not be available next year when the province, as well as all levels of government, tighten their belts in response to the expected recession.

Devolin's French is work in progress

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The Speaker is allowed to appoint three assistants but they must be approved by all leaders. Devolin knew that the Liberal leader was concerned that Devolin was not fluent enough in French to be able to do the job.

Devolin makes light of his poor grades in Stella McLean's French class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School when he was a teenager. At best, he says, he might have got a C.

But since entering politics, he's made it a goal to learn French. He's taken lessons but was a somewhat slow learner until he spent two weeks in August living with a French family in Québec. He spoke nothing but French and made good progress. "I'm trying to stay ahead of George," he says, referring to his six-year-old son who's in French immersion at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

Nonetheless, he says he was very nervous on Monday night as he rehearsed the portion of his next day's speech that would be in French. One of his challenges was to convince his fellow MPs that he could follow the debates in French with enough skill to be able to make rulings on decorum if required.

He thinks he did well but, obviously, Dion wanted to know if he could follow an unrehearsed conversation, hence the friendly little chat.

Devolin is thrilled he passed the test.

"It's pretty neat," he says of his job over the entire session of this parliament. He's shortening his title to assistant deputy speaker. "I'll be in the [Speaker's] chair as much as Milliken" but Milliken will reign over Question Period and any controversial, high profile debate.

Although it doesn't always seem this way, there are many rules governing MPs' behaviour in the House. For instance, they are not allowed to address by name; instead, it's by riding – "the honourable member from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock." Devolin has to learn all these rules and make sure they're being followed, in both languages.

He expects to be in the chair about two hours a day. "Two hours doesn't sound like much but it's listening very intently," he says. If he has trouble with the French, he can listen to an instant translation on a headset.

Luckily, if he's not sure of a rule of order, he can tell parliament that he's taking a point of order "under advisement." Then he can postpone parliament and ask a host of experts on parliamentary rules what to do next.

"At any time I can stop the proceedings," he says. "As soon as the Speaker stands up, the [other MPs'] microphones are turned off."

As much as he's disappointed that he wasn't elected Speaker, Devolin sees the advantage of being able to learn how to do the job when the media's spotlights aren't on him.

He had his first taste of the job on Friday. "It was pretty exciting," he told the assembly of county politicians and associates at the warden's banquet.

This week he'll be fitted for the Speaker's robe – and he's already been told that rule number one is not to call it a gown.

And as to his skill in Canada's other official language, Devolin says "I promised Mr. Dion that I'd continue to work on my French."

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Red Hawks hockey rules in home opener

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

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Mark Vasey slides in a last-minute attempt to strip the puck from Fenelon's Brandon Rogers while Brandon Yake follows suit.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and members of the Red Hawks boys' hockey team would agree that every time the Red Hawks play at home it's worth it to give the students an afternoon off school.

With their fellow students cheering them on, the boys took it to the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons, winning 5-1 in the season opener November 18.

The Dysart et al arena was packed with students, parents and teachers who came to support the team, which at the end of the first period had built 2-0 lead.

The game's first goal came after an on-the-fly change by the Red Hawks. This opened up an opportunity for Brandon Yake to move the puck to Ashton Haley who put the puck on the tape of Mark Vasey who put it in the back of the net.

Defenceman Matt Rea got the Red Hawks' second marker after skating over the blue line and releasing what looked like a harmless shot.

Those two goals, combined with good Red Hawks forechecking, had the Falcons' head coach addressing his players about losing battles to the puck.

This year's Red Hawks team has a much different look from last year's team. It's a physically smaller team after losing a handful of big-bodied seniors such as Steve Miscio.

"It's a young team," says coach Ron Yake, "maybe one of the youngest teams I've ever had. There are a lot of Grade 10 and 11 students."

While the team lost some size Yake says that is compensated by the gain of the younger players' speed and skill level.

"That's our strength and we're definitely going to have to use that," said Yake. "And Tuesday's game was an indication that we can use that — we were quicker on the forecheck than the other team and the result was a couple goals for us."

Of 14 skaters on the roster, half are new to the team.

This was evident in a fairly uneventful second period. The Red Hawks lost their legs, were unable to find the back of the net and, with less than 10 seconds remaining in the period, goalie Paddy Manuge surrendered his shutout bid.

Last year Manuge and Alex Monk-Cray were back-up goalies to starter Ian Sachs. Yake says it's their turn to shine.

On Tuesday Yake said Manuge "played steady" but said there was no definitive starting goalie and that both young men would see time in the crease.

The third period saw the Red Hawks come alive again with three goals, two coming 18 seconds apart, to seal the victory.

"The exciting part about Tuesday's game is that I wasn't sure what to expect," Yake said. "It was a very pleasant surprise and [showed] what we're capable of."

When asked how successful he thinks the team will be this year Yake brought up two points: not yet knowing the level of play in the rest of the league and what he's seen from his players in practice.

"The boys are working very hard in practice," said Yake. "With their speed and their ability to pick up the system as they have so far, I'm going to say we're going to be competitive."

Red Hawks game notes:

Goals: Mark Vasey, Matt Rea, Ian Bottum, Ashton Haley, and Ryan Sherwood. Assists: Brandon Yake, Scott Griffith, Drew Paul, Jessee Tallman, Haley, and Vasey.

The Dysart et al arena had a ceiling upgrade this summer covering the drafty, old wood with a more efficient "tin foil" ceiling. Arena operator Dave Sinclair said the upgrade has improved the ice surface 60 to 70 per cent, uses half the energy, and has made the cooling system more efficient. The reflective ceiling also brightens the entire area for a better atmosphere.

HHSS sports briefs

The following is a sports round up at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Tuesday, November 18

The junior boys' basketball team was defeated by Gravenhurst, despite holding the lead in the third quarter.

The senior boys' basketball team defeated Gravenhurst by a score of 64-59. Luke Watson led all scorers with 28 points. J.L. Frybort contributed 10 points and 9 rebounds.

Thursday, November 20

The senior boys' basketball team was defeated by Adam Scott. Next action will be Thursday, November 27 at the HHSS tournament.

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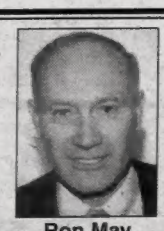
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Highland Storm briefs

The following are updates from the Highland Storm hockey teams.

Novice

The Novice Highland Storm team takes on Bracebridge on November 30 in Bracebridge at 3 p.m. going for their fourth consecutive win.

Atom A

Looking to bounce back from a loss against Bracebridge on November 16 the Atom As travel to Sundridge on November 30 to face Almaguin at 1 p.m.

Atom B

The Atom B Storm looks to take the rubber match against Bracebridge in Haliburton on November 29 at 1 p.m. After winning game one by a score of 6-4 on November 16, the Storm lost game two 10-5 on November 22 in Bracebridge.

Pee Wee A

The Pee Wee A Storm cruised to victory and remained undefeated after a 9-0 win against Gravenhurst on November 23 in Haliburton. The team is 6-0-1 and will face the division leading Bracebridge team in Minden on November 29 at 3 p.m.

Pee Wee B

Looking for their second win in a row the Pee Wee B team will travel to Mactier and Bala for a double header against North Muskoka on November 29 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Bantam A

On December 7 at 4 p.m. the Bantam A Storm will take on Port Carling in Minden. The team is looking for win number two of the season.

Midget A

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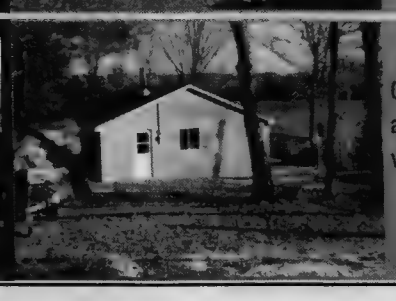

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Tarion says warranty cost should be passed on to owner

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corporation spokesperson Robert Mitchell in an interview with the *Echo*.

"It's important that we take that security that we can cover in the event if the builder fails or can't meet their warranty obligations it will reserve the funds to meet those needs," he said.

Mitchell's corporation, Tarion, provides warranties on all new homes built in Ontario under legislation enacted in 1976 by the province. It requires that all builders and vendors be registered with them and that all new projects be enrolled too. There is a wide range of charges for each registration depending on builder experience, types of projects and whether this is the first time enrolling.

When a builder first enrols with Tarion, he or she must pay a security deposit based on risk assessment by the corporation.

While he would not give a range of security deposit amounts, he said $5,000 would be the very least asked for. "That would be an entry threshold level and it's a necessary requirement of the program. It's something we simply cannot waive and if a builder cannot post security of $5,000 they perhaps should pursue another line of work," Mitchell said.

Homebuilders in the county disagree. They say that it's harder to make a living up here and some exceptions to the fee need to be made. The rule makes little sense, they said, because Tarion provides warranty protection on all new homes, whether the builder is registered or not.

"It's still covered by warranty, yes, [but] we want to protect consumers from illegal builders because homes that are built illegally are generally escaping tax – GST, PST –, they may often be built with inferior materials, they may often be built with stolen materials, , they may not be WSIB compliant, they may not be using certified trades," Mitchell said.

"I know builders who have unenrolled homes and I understand because the criteria is so hard. In an area like Haliburton, you take whatever work comes along," said local builder Gary Burtch at a Tarion session at Wigamog Inn Wednesday.

"You have to make it easier for a first-time builder," he said. "You're also talking about people who don't have that kind of money. It leads to an underground economy," he said.

Tarion maintains that the only way to preserve quality standards is to enforce the whole registration process, which includes a technical test, an interview, a financial analysis of the builder's business plan and the deposit.

"The fact is, we're trying to get everybody up to proper standards but that is a huge problem – the security bond that they want," said Aggie Tose, executive officer of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association.

"Most builders are fine to put out $5,000 and that's not really the issue, that they don't want to put it out, but come this February, they have payroll to meet, so that $5,000 would go a long way for payroll," she said.

Tose noted that $5,000 is the minimum deposit Tarion would ask for.

"I'm the builder who plays by the rules," Burtch said to the Tarion representative, Jim Fortune. "I want these guys to register, but you're already covering all homes, why can't you make it a little easier?"

Fortune said the rules were in place to ensure that only those who could follow through with a building operation were registered.

In his interview with the *Echo*, Mitchell said the issue over security deposits has been raised only by people from Haliburton County. "I don't understand builders' arguments because they pass on those [deposit] fees to the purchaser. It's not like they're paying that money out of pocket; they include it in the sale price of the home."

Tose disagreed. She said Ontario Home Builders representatives have tried to talk to Tarion about the rule in the past with little success.

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On Saturday night at Wigamog Inn, Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Heritage Ballet teamed up for an Enchanted Masquerade Ball. Some of the 100 patrons, including Cory Abbs, left, and Sean and Marilyn Hawley, above, wore beautifully fanciful masks as they enjoyed dinner, wine tasting and dancing. Members of Heritage Ballet, right, gave patrons a taste of what to expect at their performance of The Nutcracker on December 12 and 13. The evening raised approximately $12,000.

The faces of a mother and daughter light up when they see Santa.

Santa ho, ho, hos his way down main street on his way back to the North Pole.

Santa gets a wave when he ride by.

A warm (but cold) welcome for Saint Nick

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Jim Frost, the head organizer of Haliburton's Santa Claus Parade and member of the Haliburton & District Lions Club, was thrilled with Friday's Santa Claus parade in more ways than one.

Frost said that parade participation this year was high with 50 entries and main street Haliburton was lined with parents and anxious kids awaiting to catch a glimpse of the big man in the red suit—Santa Claus!

While temperatures dipped into the negatives, which made for a cold night, the spirit and generosity of the community warmed Frost post-parade.

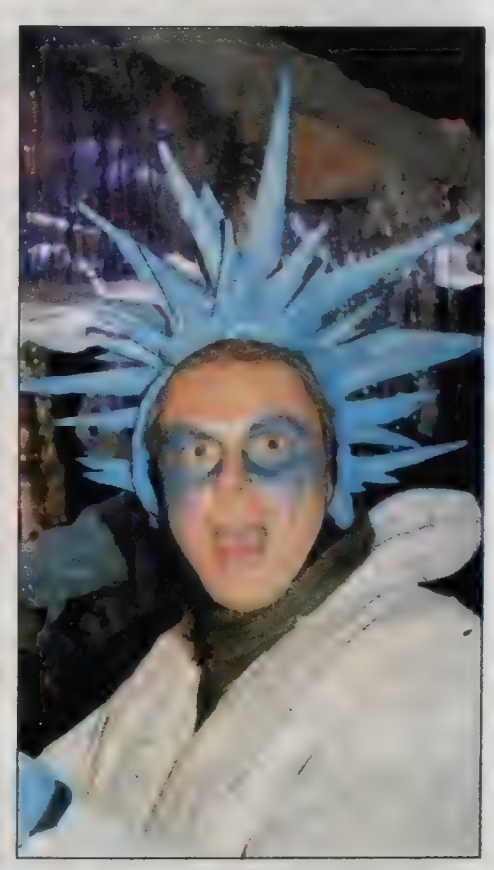
He learned that parade-goers had donated $700 worth of cash donations to the Lions Club shopping cart push for food and cash donations.

What makes that even more spectacular was the fact that the Lions Club agreed to match the total donated by the community and so too would the Rotary Club.

"We were able to raise $2,100 for the food bank," said Frost. "We're really pleased with the support of the community."

That's not Rudolph but he sure is cute!

Pamela Marsales rides all season long.



Parade participants were very creative.

Mary McKee, left, and Lyndsey O'Mara ride the Cordell Carpet float.

The Pump Shop employee Andrea Donaldson, Rob Stevenson, Jane Woodward, B.J. Fowler, and Jamie Doan were the only ones truly warm on this night.

Bright lights, big parade

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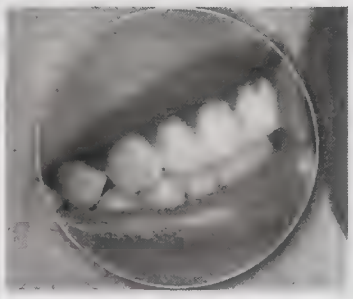

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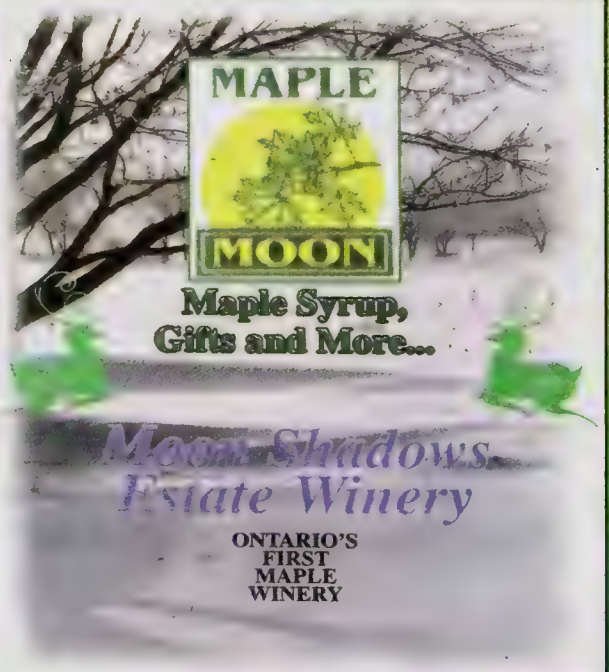

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Left: Shawn Kadwell and Michael Mazara mix their drinks for the eight judges.

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We thank Joe Driscoll and Richard Young for all their hard work in preparing for the Honours and Awards Evening held on November 21. Many members were honoured for their years of service. Bob Anderson was named Legionnaire of the Year. Congratulations, Bob!

The Grey Cup party on November 23 was enjoyed by all who attended. There was a great deal of excitement for the 96th Grey Cup football championship as it came to an end, with Henry Burris scoring a touchdown taking the Calgary Stampeders to a 22-14 win over the Montreal Alouettes.

Just one last reminder for members to pay their membership dues before the end of November and enter the Early Bird Draw. Being part of branch 624 Legion is very special as it is an extraordinary organization that promotes not only Remembrance of Canada's veterans, but it's also an organization that works together sponsoring youth and the elderly in Wilberforce and surrounding communities. At branch 624 Legion there are many sports, recreational activities and other social events to take part in and enjoy. Please stop by the Legion and pay your dues before the end of November and be part of the early bird draw. New members are always welcome.

The Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade will take place December 7, anyone interested in being part of the colour party, for this event contact Tom Coghlan. If you have ideas for a float and would like to help with decorating the float, please call 448-2221. Help is needed for the upcoming wildlife dinner, contact Richard Young or Brian Eves, if you would like to volunteer, for this great annual event. I understand they could use some more venison.

Christmas is just around the corner and what follows that? New Year's Eve, and we are having a New Year's Eve party again this year. So bring your friends and family to come out and have fun. The cost is $35 per couple and $18 per single person. Please note: Cribbage is cancelled for the month of December; but pool is going to start up again.

We are very pleased to announce there is a defibrillator on the premises of the Legion. Sixteen to 20 per cent of cardiac arrests occur in public places. Heart defibrillators can increase a person's chance to survive a cardiac arrest by 50 per cent. Having one of these devises at the Legion could have a very significantly positive impact on the health of someone someday.

The Rama Bus trip scheduled November has been postponed until a future date possibly in February. Brian Eves will keep us up to date on when rescheduling will take place. Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Bob Hayward and Murray Linkert who are in the Haliburton hospital. Please note the Wilberforce Legion banquet room is available for rent to all of the community for private events. Also, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary does an excellent job of catering. Following the recent renovations, the Legion is very bright and fresh, making it an excellent place to hold special occasions. For more information regarding the banquet room and/or catering please call 448-2221.

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Sunday November 23, The Rama bus trip. (Postponed until further notice.)

Monday December 1, open bid euchre night, 7 p.m. every Monday night.

Tuesday December 2, executive meeting, (the first Tuesday of every month).

As you can see we have just a tremendous selection of things going on at our Legion branch 624 at all times. Come on out, join in and enjoy, I'm sure you'll be glad you did. If you think you would like to join our branch, ask for an application from the bar stewart and file it with Joe Driscoll. Have a safe and happy upcoming week!

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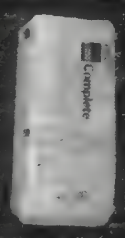

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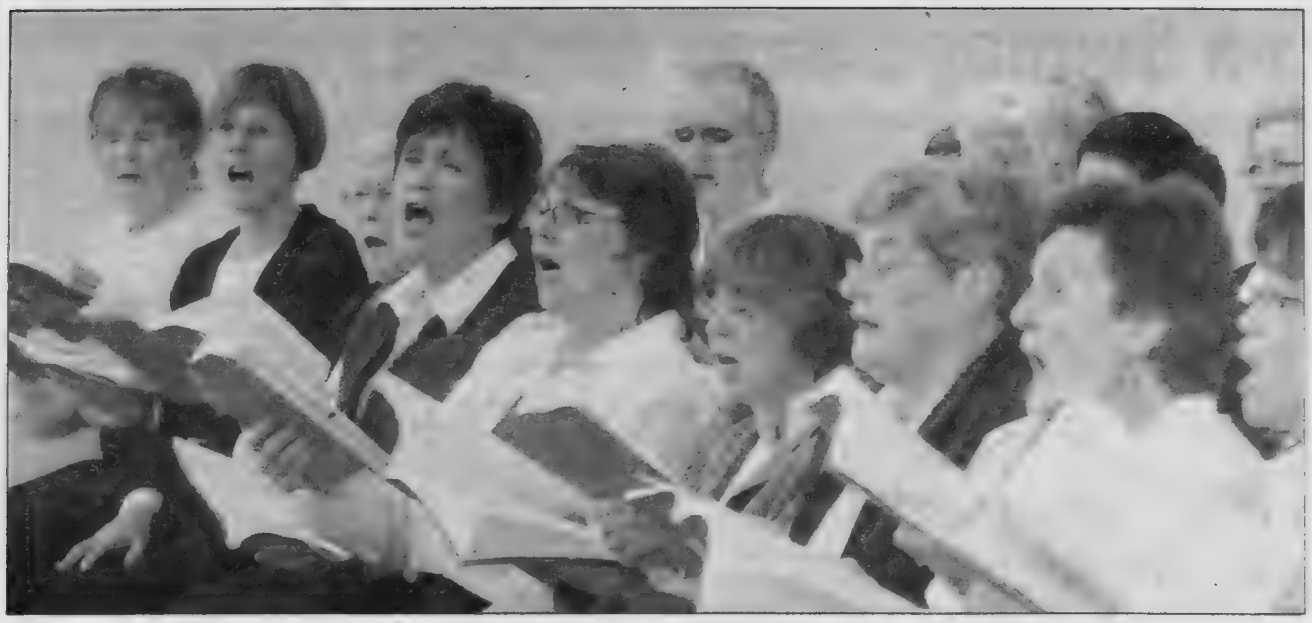
A weekend of song

Four participants in Highlands Opera Studio returned to the county to perform in Handel's *Messiah* with the Highlands Festival Singers Saturday in Minden and Sunday at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. They were invited by conductor Melissa Stephens and were eager to return, said baritone Vasil Garvanliev who is studying opera at the University of Toronto.

The four – including Wallis Giunta, Taylor Strande and Adam Bishop – sang with the Highlands Festival Singers with the accompaniment of Bev Foster on organ.
Above: Singers rehearse an hour before the last performance of *Messiah* at St. George's Anglican Church Sunday.
Right: Baritone Vasil Garvanliev sings in the first part of Handel's *Messiah*.
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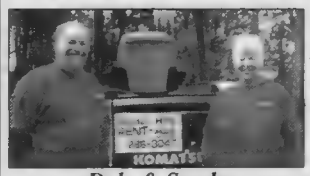

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Children's concert on Sunday solves African riddle

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Since 1988 under the artistic direction of Jody Terio, Little Red Theatre, based out of Toronto, has taken children's theatre into schools and theatres all over Ontario.

The show will begin at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for children (tickets for children under two years old are free). Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information please contact Gesa Haase at 754-2586 or visit www.razzamataz.ca.

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-064/08 & H-065/08
   Applicant: Robert & Ann McIvor
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 13, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Guilford
   Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 25th day of November, 2008.

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Shoppers get early start at Christmas craft sale

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The craft and bake sale on November 22nd at the Centre featured knitted articles, Christmas stockings, the many jams, preserves and pickles from Nancy Brink's kitchen, vases, glassware, and china. Maple Lake United Church ladies sold sandwiches and muffins during the sale as well as their scrumptious baking. The event drew many customers to this variety of sales.

Sales for the New Year's Eve party are going well but there is still time to book yourself a place at the table and the dance floor.

December 14 is the date for a delicious Christmas dinner at the centre, starting at 5 p.m and continuing till 6:30 p.m at the reasonable cost of $10 per person and $3 for children under three years of age.

Euchre scores for November 18 at the Centre: high scores were Tina Hadley and Ray Sisson. Low scores were Ginger Muenzel and Leon Jones. Most lone hands were Pearl Kernohan and Cliff Davison. No special tokens needed to be handed out this time.

We attended the performance of *A Few Good Men* at the Orillia Opera House on Friday evening to see our grandson, Philip Cooper in this play.

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The Municipality intends to enforce the requirements, which includes all existing buildings that were erected without a building permit.

To obtain further information please contact the Building Department.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, December 10th, 2008
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-08-019 – Lands of Sampson
   - Purpose and Effect: To recognize the location of an existing private garage located in the WR4 zone.
     - Permit an existing private garage to have an interior lot line setback of 0.3 metres (1 foot) as opposed to the required minimum of 1 metre (3.281 feet).
   - Location: Part of Lot 16, Concession 2, Dudley Township (Miskwabi Lake-Wampum Road)

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: November 25th, 2008

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Trillium Lakelands

PUBLIC INPUT

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is doing a program and accommodation review of Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School due to declining enrolment.

There is a Committee called the "PARC" (which stands for Program and Accommodation Review Committee). Members of the PARC would like to invite you to give your input.

There will be four (4) public input meetings during the 2008-2009 school year.

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 6 p.m. Cardiff Elementary School
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 6 p.m. Wilberforce Elementary School
Wednesday, April 1, 2009 6 p.m. Cardiff Elementary School
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6 p.m. Wilberforce Elementary School

Individuals or groups wishing to speak at a public input meeting need to fill out an Input Form and send it to one of the schools or to the school board. The form is found on the TLDSB website www.tldsb.on.ca or at Cardiff or Wilberforce Elementary Schools.

1. Presentation by an individual

Individuals may present to the PARC at one of the public input meetings listed above and are given up to 5 minutes to speak. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

2. Presentation by a group

One person representing a group or organization may speak for up to 10 minutes at one of the public input meetings listed above. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

3. Written Submissions

Individuals and organizations are welcome to submit input to the PARC in writing at any time. Input forms are available on the Board website and at each of the schools.

4. Question Period

There will be an opportunity at the end of each public input meeting for questions. Members of the public will be invited to ask questions of the PARC.

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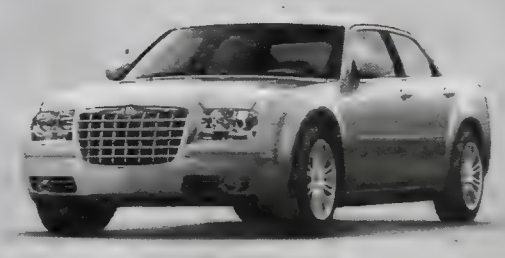

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Jamie Hewson of Haliburton happily bangs away on a Jimbay drum during a Wednesday night drum circle session.

Heartbeat of Africa

Drum exhibit brings Africa to gallery

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

There is more than meets the eye at the Rails End Gallery's latest art exhibition, NGOMA! Drums In The Village, which runs to December 6.

Helping to end poverty, raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, protect the environment, build relationships, and change lives – these are just some of things that drum culture is all about.

Between gallery executive director Laurie Jones, county drum guru Barry "Bazza" Hayward, and the founding members of Abbey North Drummers, Joe Truss and Christine Cullen, there's nearly a century worth of drumming experience. The four have collaborated in order to bring the exhibition to the gallery.

The African word 'ngoma' (pronounced en-go-ma), means drum, and inside the Rails End Gallery is a collection of drums and other musical instruments from the heart of Zambia.

Two years ago Truss and Cullen moved to Haliburton where they became friends with Hayward and John and Thea Patterson of Abbey North in West Guilford. This association led to Abbey North Drummers.

On a three-month trip this year through Rwanda, Kenya, and Zambia, Truss and Cullen worked on early childhood development and HIV/AIDS projects in support of their African colleagues.

It was in Zambia that Truss established a relationship with a local NGO (non-governmental organization) partner.

It was this relationship that enabled Truss and Cullen to purchase and ship the collection of handcrafted artifacts that make up the NGOMA! Drums In The Village exhibit.

Hayward visited the Democratic Republic of Congo, and while he says it wasn't exactly safe to go looking for drum circles there, he did get experience the drum culture of Africa playing in a few sessions.

"Before all of us to went to Africa one of the things on our list was to seek out musicians and drummers and drum makers," said Hayward.

So what is the significance of drum culture in Africa and how does it differ here in North America?

"That is a really, really, complex question actually," said Truss.

As a result of the colonization of African countries by European countries, African drumming rituals and ceremonies were almost wiped out. But Truss, Cullen and Hayward have seen a resurgence of interest in drum culture in Africa.

"In Zambia for example," says Truss, "the biggest thing for them right now is that every single tribe has a ceremony."

It is the rediscovery of roots, the reconnection with a way of life, as well tourism as a means of living, that are the driving forces of this resurgence, says Truss.

HIV/AIDS has decimated much of African's population over the last few decades. "That's why we got drumming under the [Abbey North] banner," said Truss.

"It was to create awareness for HIV/AIDS in Africa specifically."

In Zambia the resurgence of drum culture has enabled the people to sell their craftsmanship, feed their families, build infrastructure, and live a more normal life. While drum culture in North America is a lot different than in Africa, their pasts are quite similar. "We forget that we had a drum culture here in North America," said Hayward. "The same thing happened – all the ceremonies and rituals of First Nations were all driven underground or made illegal."

Every Wednesday night, the Rails End Gallery hosts a community drum circle. Jones says that it is "so open and fluid it's got its own life.... Drumming has really brought life into the gallery."

> *"We forget that we had a drum culture here in North America."*
>
> **BARRY HAYWARD**

Drum culture has taken off in the highlands and if you haven't yet tapped on a drum, a visit to the exhibition might be in order.

The three-week exhibition at the gallery is full of programming, from decorating a PVC pipe drum or coffee can drum and shaker to audio-visual presentations to concerts to public drum circles.

Cullen says, "It's a taste of Africa — where are you going to get that around here?" Hayward adds, "This isn't just about bringing in some stuff that we imported from other parts of the world. It's about the artists, and the community, and how this all contributing to their life over there too."

Gallery Hours and events: W/T/Fr/Sat 11-6 and Sunday noon-4.

Nov. 26: 7:30 p.m. Community Drum Circle.

Nov. 27: 3 p.m. Audio Visual presentation by Abbey North Drummers; 4 p.m. Community Drum Circle, 6:30 p.m. Community Drum Circle, 7:30 p.m. repeat audio-visual presentation by Abbey North Drummers.

Nov. 29: 2-4 p.m. Family Saturday, guided tour, demos; 7 p.m. reception and concert with Abbey North Drummers and Friends at 7:30 pm

Dec. 3: open reception hosted by Abbey North (John and Thea Patterson) 5 p.m. Community drum circle 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 4: Tamarack performs at the Rails End Gallery at 8 p.m. Tickets $15 available in advance or at the door.

Dec. 4: last day of gallery exhibition

Dec. 5 and Dec. 6: 24-hour drum-a-thon begins Friday 6 p.m. ends 6 p.m. Saturday.

For more information call the gallery at 457-2330 or visit www.railsendgallery.com.

MATT JAMES/Echo

This is just one group of drums from Zambia currently inside the Rails End Gallery as part of the NGOMA! Drums In The Village exhibition running November 20 to December 6.

Rails End launches calendar

The Rails End Gallery's annual fundraiser is a convenient desktop calendar that comes in two editions, Minden and Haliburton.

The calendars feature photos of local legends such as the Molou marquee at night, Kawartha Dairy's cow on HWY 35, as well as Haliburton Sculpture Forest's latest addition, Kennisis, by Bill Lishman, and some of the unique aspects of the county. This is a gift that will be enjoyed year round and organizers hope the community will support the gallery by purchasing calendars for friends, associates and family this season.

The 2009 Rails End Desktop Calendar is affordable at $8.50 (taxes included) and available at: Cottage Country Log Cabin, West Guilford Shopping Centre, The Art Hive, CANOE FM Radio, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton County Info Centre Hwy 35, Cambell's Flowers, Wild Orchid Bistro and Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre's gift shop (The Ticket Room).

Saying goodbye to long-time community members

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Sympathy is extended to Bruce Gibbs of Wilberforce and Phyllis Howarth of Minden. Their sister Doris McCann died on November 13, 2008. Doris was in her 90th year.

Helen Linkert, a long-time resident of Wilberforce, battled cancer for a number of years. She died peacefully at her home on October 10. Condolences are offered to her husband Murray and their family and to Helen's friends. She is greatly missed by Murray who, himself, is not well. It was Helen's wish that there be no visitation or funeral service.

Our thoughts have been with members of the Barker and Barnes families. Joan McCarthy of Pickering died Sunday, November 16. A sister-in-law of the late Pat (Lloyd) Barnes, Joan was a well-loved member of the McCarthy family. Janet Barker and John Barker were among many who honoured Joan's spirit, beauty, grace and selflessness at a gathering on November 21. Sympathy is extended to Joan's husband Neil and all her family and friends.

Good news for people who would appreciate some assistance in the use of their computers and the Internet. Aaron Berning has received a contract to help people in the community with computers, Internet, websites and technology at the CAP Site in the Wilberforce Library. Aaron is available during library hours, Thursdays and Fridays, 12:30 - 4:30, and Saturdays 12:30 - 3:30. He recommends calling the library at 448-2510 for an appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to expand your computer expertise now. Aaron will be available at the CAP site only until the end of March. You can use this service as often as you have need of it.

The Highlands Festival Singers and four talented young soloists presented a fine Handel's *Messiah* at St. George's Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon, November 23.

Under the direction of Melissa Stephens and accompanied by guest pianist Bev Foster, tenor Adam Bishop, baritone Vasil Garvanliev, mezzo-soprano Wallis Guinta, soprano Taylor Strande and trumpeter Robert Snelgrove thrilled the sold-out audience as they had the evening before at the United Church in Minden. The young soloists, all in advanced music studies, are already making their mark in the world of opera and other classical music. How fortunate for the local audiences to hear them. Included in this choir of about 70 members were Stanley Beard, Sandra Bramham and Mark Bramham of Wilberforce. Thank you all for the music, for your presentation of the *Messiah*, especially as we enter the Christmas season.

Some events and dates to keep in mind:

Saturday December 6 is the annual Santa's Workshop craft sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre. From 9 to 2 that day you will find over 20 vendors - individuals and organizations - with a wide range of items. There'll be cookies and knitting, preserves and candles, stained glass and reindeer hay, woodcrafts and wreaths, catnip mice and gems from our local blacksmith artist, jewellery and fruitcake and of course gorgeous gift baskets and great decorations for your house and tree.

It's a joy just to feast one's eyes on all these creations. The sale is organized by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, which operates the Outpost Historic House. The kitchen snacks and lunch will be the work of the women of St. Margaret's church.

Sunday, December 7 will see Santa Claus arriving in the village. Among those helping Santa make a great visit are Lynn Waugh and Joanne Hughey. Call them if you would like to help. They will direct you to where help is needed. We know they are encouraging you to enter the parade.

The Community Carol Service is at the United Church on the evening of Sunday, December 7, beginning at 7 p.m.

A great leap forward has been made in the advancement and understanding of the history of the Highlands. Much thought and effort has gone into the publication of a book entitled *Haliburton: A History In Pictures*.

Oh, yes, there are some words too. But the pictures selected from thousands now in the Haliburton Highlands Museum's collection tell the fascinating story of earlier days and some from the recent past in Haliburton. There are excellent reproductions picturing Life In The Woods, The Railway, Rural Life, Around Town, Recreation, Personalities Social Life and interesting documents - and a very useful index.

This book was launched at the museum in Haliburton before an appreciative crowd on Saturday, November 22. People could hardly wait to get their copies and then to immediately begin to leaf through them, looking for ancestors, buildings and scenes of the past now well-recorded and available for many perusals. Seeing a few landmarks such as St. George's Anglican Church makes one want to cry out that it should be preserved, not given up and lost.

Just watching people such as Joe Iles, smiling delightedly at the pictures, recognizing so many people and places must have been very rewarding to all those who worked to get this project completed. Congratulations to museum director Thomas Ballantine and curator Stephen Hill who were the researchers and writers and to Sandi Luck for the book design and to book committee members Andrea Roberts, Nancy Stinson, Terry Hicks and Linda MacBurnie. Congratulations and appreciation goes to the municipality of Dysart et al for getting behind this project and for supporting the museum and its staff. This book will be treasured by many for years to come.

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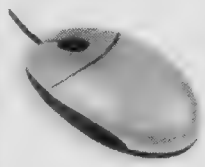
What's happening in the Highlands



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CURRENT EVENTS

• November 27: Ladies Auxiliary to Haliburton Legion will meet at noon for a light lunch - followed by our meetig at 1 p.m. Our zone Commander willl be our guest. All members please plan to attend. For further info please call the above number 754-3319.

• November 27: University Women's Club of Haliburton invites members and interested individuals – to the program portion of its monthly meeting at 7 p.m at Fleming College. Guest speaker: Al Aubry, general manager of the Frost Centre Institute. He will explain why he left retirement to develop a plan to save the Frost Centre and update us on current and future plans.

• November 28: Christmas Music Night at The Galway Hall at 7:30 p.m. - Sponsored by the K.C.P.E.D.

• November 28: Greetings of the Season Christmas Concert and Loonie Auction – Freaturing Kevin and Bunny Leahy and local talent under the direction of Laurel Campbell (Fenelon Secondary) at the Galway Hall at 2:30 p.m. An evening to celebrate the holiday season. Desserts and coffee, Christmas loonie auction, draws and door prizes. Admission $10. Sponsored by the K.C.P.E.D.

• November 28: Christmas Luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Main St, Minden - from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Featuring our fabulous homemade soup, sandwiches, goodies, homemade baking (featuring tortiere pies). 50/50 draw, doorprizes and raffle. Admission $5, preschoolers free. Snow date November 29, same time.

• November 29: Santa Claus Parade – Will be commencing from the public parking lot across from the Fire Hall, please bring your float prior to 10 am. Come and meet santa after the parade, hot chocolate and treats... Lots of fun for the kids and kids at heart!

• November 29: Christmas Craft Sale at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Legion – hosted by the Kinmount Ladies Auxiliary from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

• November 30: Little Red Theatre from Toronto presents The Name of the Tree, Theatre Performance – Northern Lights Pavillion in Haliburton. Suitable for children of all ages. Tickets available at the door – Adults $8, Children $6, under 2 year old is free. For more information go to www.Razzamataz.ca or call Michelle at 489-4980.

• December 4: Kinmount Celebrates Lights Across Canada – Join us for our annual tree lighting ceremony. Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 7 p.m. Refreshments following the lighting of the tree. Visit with Santa.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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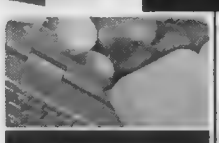

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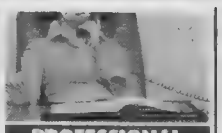

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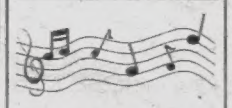
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Deaths

BAKER, Pearl G. - It is with sadness that we announce the passing of a dear mother, grandmother and friend. Pearl Baker (nee Morrison) passed away at Bella Senior Care Centre on November 12th, 2008 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Jo-Ann (Edward) Burrell and John (Janet) Baker. Proud grandmother of Craig (Stacie) Codlin, Jessica (Ryan Simpson) and Logan Moore. Predeceased by her son Bill. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Cremation has taken place. Interment services will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery on Saturday November 29th, at 11:00 followed by a gathering to celebrate Pearl's life at Northwood Inn, 13588, Hwy. # 118, Haliburton until 3 pm. If so desired, donations to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. **www.bennerfuneralservices.com**

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FOSTER, Grace (nee Langman) - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late Emory. Beloved mother of Jack and his wife Debbie. Loving grandma of Scott and James. Fondly remembered by her family and many friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Sunday from 2-4 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Maple Lake United Church would be appreciated by the family.

11330752

HOLLAND, Garry Maurice - Passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on November 20, 2008, at the age of 63. Garry leaves behind his wife June (nee Henderson), his two daughters Tammy Warburton (Dwayne), Lisa Stephenson (John), and five loving grandchildren Tanner and Carleigh Warburton, Larissa, Breanna and Bennet Stephenson. In accordance with Garry's wishes, cremation has taken place. Garry has been a proud member of the Minden Lions Club for many years and in honour of Garry, a gathering to celebrate his life will be held at the Minden and District Lions Club Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd. N., Minden, Ontario on Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

MUIR, Gailya Marlene - Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Center, Newmarket, on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the age of 70 years. Gailya Muir (nee Pritchard) of Sutton beloved wife of William Dean Muir. Loving mother of Stephanie Svab (David) and Wendy Closs (Rob) and grandmother of Courtney. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements in care of the **FORREST & TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME**, Sutton 905-722-3274

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In memoriam

BILLINGS, Eileen - In loving memory of my mother who passed away November 25, 1994.

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Anchored on the Golden Shoro,
In the perfect love of Jesus
She is safe for evermore.
Wren

11301969

BURK
RUSSELL - November 13, 1978
BESSIE - November 17, 2003
In loving memory of our parents.

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in our hearts,
Where we can find comfort
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Always remembered by Betty and Neil and their families.

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In memoriam

McColl, Glen - In loving memory of our very dear Father and Grandfather who passed away Nov.27, 2004.

One Smile for all
One heart of gold
One of the best
One of the best this world could hold
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Always Kind
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to leave behind

- Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your family

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McCOLL - In loving memory of Glen McColl who passed away November 27, 2004.
Sadly missed along life's way.
Quietly remembered everyday
No longer in my life to share,
But in my heart, you're always there.
- Love Carol

11327066

WOOLACOTT, Lorne Henry - In memory of a dear husband, father and Grandfather who passed away on November 25, 1998.

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Though you have gone away,
And those who loved you dearly
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Deaths

Thomas C. Knight
(Resident of Rock Lake, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday evening, November 16, 2008 in his 78th year. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Knight (nee Moore). Loving father of Linda (Gary White) of Highland Grove, Carol (Bill Day) of Haliburton and Brenda Knight of Georgetown. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Ryan, Jonathan and Sara. Dear brother of Edward (Muriel) of Toronto. Tom was a member of the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion Branch #624.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday evening, November 19, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday morning, November 20, 2008 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Essonville Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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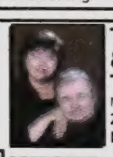

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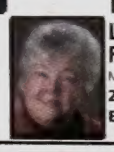

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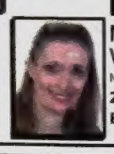

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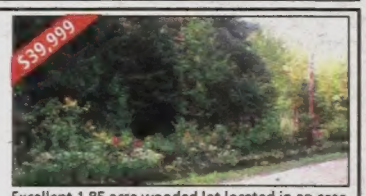

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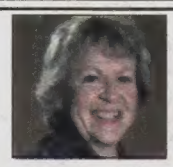

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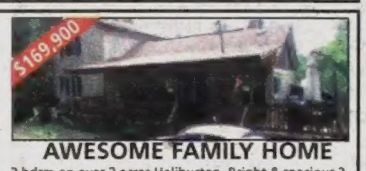

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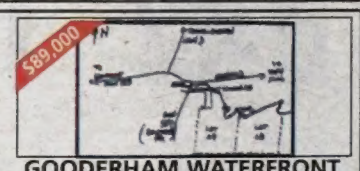

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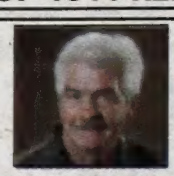

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